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In re Application of

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For: CARBOXYLIC ACID AND AMINO ACID;  
OR AMINO ACID CONDENSATE  
REACTANTS AND MANUFACTURING  
METHOD THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 13, 2002, please amend the above-

identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 7 with the following amended versions:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for manufacturing carboxylic acid and amino acid or  
amino acid condensate reactants, comprising the steps of:

providing first starting material, said first starting material being carboxylic acids;

providing second starting material, said second starting material being one of amino  
acids and amino acid condensates;

mixing said first starting material and said second starting material in a high-pressure  
withstanding container under an aqueous system; and